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PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. P02285US5

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Rothschild et al.  
SERIAL NO: 09/900,063  
FILED: July 6, 2001  
TITLE: **PROLACTIN RECEPTOR GENE AS A GENETIC MARKER  
FOR INCREASED LITTER SIZE IN ANIMALS**

Grp./A.U. : 1637  
Examiner : Fredman, Jeffrey Norman  
Conf. No. : 8599  
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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Commissioner:

This is a request under the provision of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application for one month from November 3, 2002 to December 3, 2002.

Applicant is a large entity; therefore, please charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084 in the amount of \$110.00 for one month to cover the cost of the extension.

Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 26-0084. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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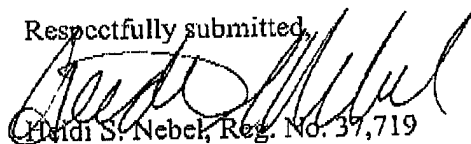
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